

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A lancet device, comprising:

a housing containing at least one stop and having an end;

a cap for covering the end of the housing and for positioning the lancet device relative to a skin surface;

a needle holding member for holding a lancet, the needle holding member being at least partially contained within the housing, the needle holding member having at least one protrusion for striking the at least one stop of the housing;

a biasing element for biasing the needle holding member toward an extended position;

a trigger for releasing the needle holding member from a retracted position; and

an alignment mechanism capable of aligning the at least one stop of the housing and the at least one protrusion of the needle holding member to adjust the extended position of the needle holding member.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.